Equities

# 28 February 2022

## Share Class

[B] Institutional Investors who have entered into a Qualifying Agreement

## **Fund Objective**

The objective of the Fund is to track the performance of the Japanese equity market.

## **Investment Strategy**

The investment policy of the Fund is to track the performance of the MSCI Japan ex UNGC and CW Index (or any other index determined by the Directors from time to time to track substantially the same market as the Index) as closely as possible while seeking to minimize as far as possible the tracking difference between the Fund's performance and that of the Index.

The Index measures the performance of Japanese equities. Securities are weighted by free float-adjusted market capitalization after screening out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria i.e. non-compliance with UNGC principles (international norms in relation to the environment, human rights & communities, labor rights & supply chains, customers and governance) and controversial weapons.

#### Benchmark

Structure

MSCI JAPAN EX UNGC AND CW INDEX

# Investment Company

#### **UCITS Compliant**

#### Domicile

Luxembourg

#### **Fund Facts**

ISIN	LU11592398	869
NAV	14.81 JPY as February 202	
Currency	JPY	
Net Assets(millions)	20,461.89 JF February 202	
Inception Date	28 Septembe	er 2015
Investment Style	Index	
Zone	Japan	
Settlement	Redemption Cycle, DD+2; Settlement Cy	Subscription
Notification Deadline	DD-1 11:00A	M CET time
Valuation	Daily market	close
Swing Factor <sup>1</sup>		
Subscription	0.02%	
Redemption	0.02%	
Minimum Initial Investment	JPY 1,000,00	00,000.00
Minimum Subsequent Investment	JPY 500,000	.00
Management Fees	0%	
Actual TER	0.10%	
Charge	Subscription	Redemption
Paid to the fund	N/A	Up to 2%

 $1 \ {\rm Indicative}$  as at the date of this factsheet and is subject to change

# Performance

Annualised	Benchmark	Fund Gross	Difference	Fund Net	Difference
1 Year (%)	2.68	2.85	0.17	2.78	0.09
3 Year (%)	8.44	8.55	0.12	8.47	0.03
5 Year (%)	6.75	6.85	0.10	6.76	0.02
Since Inception (%)	8.78	8.89	0.11	8.79	0.01
Cumulative					
1 Month (%)	-1.18	-1.16	0.02	-1.15	0.03
3 Month (%)	-3.01	-2.96	0.05	-2.96	0.04
1 Year (%)	2.68	2.85	0.17	2.78	0.09
3 Year (%)	27.51	27.92	0.41	27.63	0.12
5 Year (%)	38.59	39.27	0.68	38.70	0.11
Since Inception (%)	111.95	113.81	1.85	112.15	0.20
Calendar					
2022 (year to date)	-6.15	-6.11	0.03	-6.11	0.04
2021	13.46	13.63	0.17	13.53	0.07
2020	8.76	8.89	0.13	8.79	0.03
2019	18.48	18.54	0.06	18.47	-0.01
2018	-15.15	-15.09	0.06	-15.16	-0.01

# Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

#### Investing involves risk including the risk of loss of capital.

The performance figures contained herein are provided on a gross and net of fees basis. Gross of fees do not reflect the deduction of advisory or other fees which could reduce the return. Index returns reflect capital gains and losses, income, and the reinvestment of dividends. The performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and other corporate earnings and is calculated in the currency stated in the Fund Facts. Calendar year inception performance returns will be partial for the year where the inception date for either the

Fund in question or the historic performance-linked Fund (whichever is the earliest) falls within that period. The calculation method for value added returns may show rounding differences.

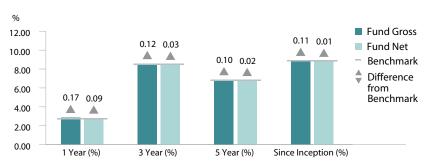
When the Fund is closed according to its official Net Asset Value (NAV) calendar but, nonetheless, a significant portion of the underlying security prices can be determined, a Technical NAV is calculated. Past Performance indicated herein has therefore been calculated using a Technical NAV when required, as well as the official NAV of the Fund as at each other business day for the relevant period.

Previous to 28 May 2021, the Fund was known as State Street Japan Index Equity Fund, tracking the MSCI Japan Index.

# Source: SSGA.

All data is as at 28/02/2022

## **Annualised Performance**



# **Fund Characteristics**

Weighted Av. Market Cap (m)	¥4.720.566	¥4.722.956
Av. Price/Book	1.36	1.36
Price/Earnings (Forward 1yr)	13.14	13.36
Weighted Harmonic Av. Price/Cash flow	7.71	7.79
Dividend Yield (%)	2.39	2.37
Number of Holdings*	259	258

Fund

Benchmark

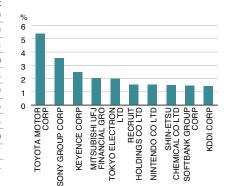
# Ratios3 YearsStandard Deviation (%)15.13Tracking Error (%)0.19Beta1.00

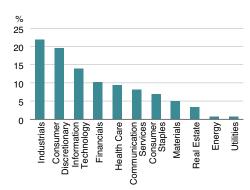
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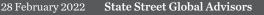
Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	5.39
SONY GROUP CORP	3.54
KEYENCE CORP	2.50
MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GRO	2.03
TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	1.99
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	1.55
NINTENDO CO LTD	1.53
SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO LTD	1.50
SOFTBANK GROUP CORP	1.47
KDDI CORP	1.44

Sector Allocation	Fund (%)
Industrials	21.94
Consumer Discretionary	19.53
Information Technology	14.01
Financials	10.23
Health Care	9.35
Communication Services	8.12
Consumer Staples	6.89
Materials	4.98
Real Estate	3.43
Energy	0.77
Utilities	0.76
Total	100.00

Country Allocation	Fund
	(%)
Japan	100.00
Total	100.00







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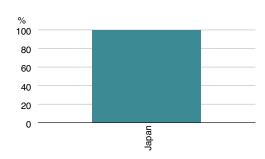
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Source: SSGA.

Characteristics, holdings, country allocations and sectors shown are as of the date indicated at the top of this factsheet and are subject to change. Within Country Allocation, 'Other' denotes the consolidation of any countries which are not already included in the Fund's top 10.

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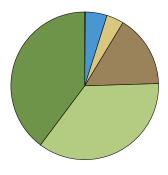
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## **R-Factor™ Summary**

R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> is built off a transparent scoring methodology that leverages the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Materiality Map, corporate governance codes, and inputs from four best-in-class ESG data providers. R-Factor supports the development of sustainable capital markets by giving investors the ability to invest in solutions that integrate financially material ESG data while incentivizing companies to improve their ESG practices and disclosure in areas that matter.

# **Fund R-Factor Profile**

Not Available	0.13%
Laggard	4.96%
Underperformer	3.92%
Average Perform	er 16.50%
Outperformer	37.15%
Leader	41.38%



Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jan 2022

# **R-Factor**

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R-Factor Summary	
R-Factor	

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Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jan 2022

Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	258	99.61%	99.87%
Total Number of Securities in Fund	259		

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jan 2022

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	R-Factor Rating
Toyota Motor Corp.	5.39%	75
Sony Group Corporation	3.54%	84
Keyence Corporation	2.50%	53
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.	2.03%	66
Tokyo Electron Ltd.	1.99%	75
Recruit Holdings Co. Ltd.	1.55%	58
Nintendo Co. Ltd.	1.53%	66
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co Ltd	1.50%	64
SoftBank Group Corp.	1.47%	56
KDDI Corporation	1.44%	65

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jan 2022

## **Top 5 R-Factor Ratings**

Sony Group Corporation	3.54%	84
Kao Corp.	0.60%	84
Bridgestone Corporation	0.63%	83
NEC Corp.	0.29%	81
Nomura Research InstituteLtd.	0.32%	81

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jan 2022

## **Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings**

0.08%	17 18
0.07%	18
0.07%	19
0.05%	21
0.13%	24
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Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jan 2022

The R-Factor summary reflects certain ESG characteristics only, and does not reflect the fund's performance. Please see Important Information section for more information and definitions of the ESG Metrics presented. The stocks mentioned are not necessarily holdings invested in by SSGA. References to specific company stocks should not be construed as recommendations or investment advice. The statements and opinions are subject to change at any time, based on market and other conditions.

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# State Street Japan ESG Screened Index Equity Fund

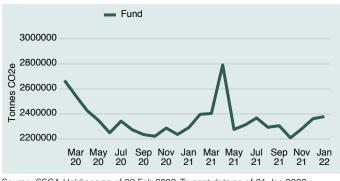
# **Climate Profile**

Carbon Intensity



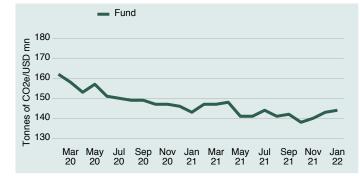
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## Scope 1 + 2 Carbon Emissions



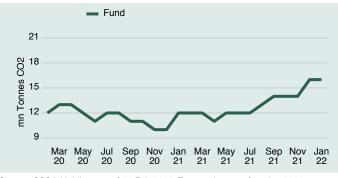
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Weighted Average Carbon Intensity



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## Total Reserves Carbon Emissions



Source: SSGA Holdings as of 28 Feb 2022. Trucost data as of 31 Jan 2022.

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As of 28 Feb 2022

# **Stewardship Profile**

dship Profile	Q4 2021
Number of Meetings Voted Number of Countries	285
Management Proposals	96
Votes "For"	91.67%
Votes "Against"	8.33%
Shareholder Proposals	0
With Management	0.00%
Against Management	0.00%

Figures are based on State Street Global Advisors' general approach to voting at the companies held by the Fund at quarter end. This information is not a substitute for a proxy voting report, which can be requested through your relationship manager. State Street Global Advisors' (SSGA) asset stewardship program is aimed at engaging with our fund companies on issues that impact long-term value creation across environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations. In the recent past, SSGA has issued extensive guidance on key governance matters such as effective, independent board leadership. SSGA's current focus is on helping boards think about the possible impacts of environmental and social issues and incorporating a sustainability lens into boards' oversight of long-term strategy as a sound business practice.

# Gender Diversity

Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	60
1	122
2	61
3	13
4	3
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	0
Total	259

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jan 2022

## R-Factor™

R-Factor™ is an ESG scoring system that leverages commonly accepted materiality frameworks to generate a unique ESG score for listed companies. The score is powered by ESG data from four different providers in an effort to improve overall coverage and remove biases inherent in existing scoring methodologies. R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> is designed to put companies in the driver's seat to help create sustainable markets.

R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> Scores are comparable across industries. The ESG and Corporate Governance (CorpGov) scores are designed to be based on issues that are material to a company's industry and regulatory region. A uniform grading scale allows for interpretation of the final company level score to allow for comparison across companies. The R-Factor™ scoring process comprises two underlying components. The first component is based on the framework published by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("SASB"), which is used for all ESG aspects of the score other than those relating to corporate governance issues. The SASB framework attempts to identify ESG risks that are financially material to the issuer-based on its industry classification. This component of the R-Factor<sup>™</sup> score is determined using only those metrics from the ESG data providers that specifically address ESG risks identified by the SASB framework as being financially material to the issuer-based on its industry classification.

The second component of the score, the CorpGov score, is generated using region-specific corporate governance codes developed by investors or regulators. The governance codes describe minimum corporate governance expectations of a particular region and typically address topics such as shareholder rights, board independence and executive compensation. This component of the R-Factor<sup>™</sup> uses data provided by ISS Governance to assign a governance score to issuers according to these governance codes. Responsible-Factor (R Factor) scoring is designed by State Street to reflect certain ESG characteristics and does not represent investment performance. Results generated out

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#### R-Factor™ Profile

Within each industry group, issuers are classified into five distinct ESG performance groups based on which percentile their R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> scores fall into. A company is classified in one of the five ESG performance classes (Laggard - 10% of universe, Underperformer - 20% of universe, Average Performer - 40% of universe, Outperformer - 20% of universe or Leader - 10% of universe) by comparing the company's R-Factor<sup>™</sup> score against a band. R-Factor<sup>™</sup> scores are normally distributed using normalized ratings on a 0-100 rating scale.

For examples of public language regarding R-Factor see the ELR Registration Statement here: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1107414/000119312519192334/ d774617d497.htm

## **Carbon Intensity**

Measured in Metric tons CO2e/USD millions revenues. The aggregation of operational and first-tier supply chain carbon footprints of index constituents per USD (equal weighted)

# Weighted Average Carbon Intensity

Measured in Metric tons CO2e/USD millions revenues. The weighted average of individual company intensities (operational and first-tier supply chain emissions over revenues), weighted by the proportion of each constituent in the index.

## Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions

Measured in Metric tons of CO2e. The GHG emissions from operations that are owned or controlled by the company, as well as GHG emissions from consumption of purchased electricity, heat or steam, by the company.

#### **Total Reserves CO2 Emissions**

Measured in Metric tons of CO2. The carbon footprint that could be generated if the proven and probable fossil fuel reserves owned by index constituents were burned per USD million invested. Unlike carbon intensity and carbon emissions, the S&P Trucost Total Reserves Emissions metric is a very specific indicator that is only applicable to a very selected number of companies in extractive and carbon-intensive industries. Those companies are assigned Total Reserves Emissions numerical results by Trucost, whereas the rest of the holdings in other industries do not have numerical scores and are instead displaying "null", blank values. In order to present a more comprehensive overview of a portfolio's overall weighted average fossil fuel reserves, State Street Global Advisors replaces blank results with "zeros". While that might slightly underestimate the final weighted average volume, it provides a more realistic result, given that most companies in global indices have no ownership of fossil fuel reserves.

### **Gender Diversity**

We are currently using FactSet's own "People" dataset to disclose the number of women on the board, for each company in the Fund's portfolio.

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Trucost Sections: Carbon Intensity, Weighted Average Carbon Intensity, Scope 1 +2 Carbon Emissions, Total Reserves CO2 Emissions

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